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ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 232

**Introduced by Assembly Members V. Manuel Pérez and Alejo
(Coauthor: Assembly Member Bradford)**

February 2, 2011

An act to amend Section 50832 of the Health and Safety Code, relating to economic development.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 232, as amended, V. Manuel Pérez. Community Development Block Grant Program: funds.

Existing law requires the Department of Housing and Community Development to allocate funds under the federal Community Development Block Grant Program to cities and counties. Existing law requires the department to determine, and announce in the applicable Notice of Funding Availability, the maximum amount of grant funds that may be used for economic development projects and programs, housing for persons and families of low or moderate income or for purposes directly related to the provision or improvement of housing opportunities for these persons and families, and for cities and counties that apply on behalf of certain Indian tribes. Existing law requires the department to develop and use certain eligibility criteria and requirements for certain economic development fund applications.

This bill would make changes to the eligibility criteria and requirements developed and used by the department. The bill would also make conforming changes.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 50832 of the Health and Safety Code is
2 amended to read:

3 50832. (a) In order to ensure that a city or county may apply
4 for both economic development and general program grants
5 pursuant to this chapter in the same year, each applicant shall have
6 a maximum grant request limitation as determined by the
7 department and announced in the applicable NOFA, excluding
8 general allocation planning and technical assistance grants and
9 economic development allocation planning and technical assistance
10 grants made available under Section 50833, of which a maximum
11 amount as determined by the department and announced in the
12 applicable NOFA, per year may be used for either general program
13 or economic development applications. These limitations may be
14 waived for the economic development allocation based upon
15 available economic development funds after September 1 of each
16 year. The department shall aggressively inform eligible cities and
17 counties of the eligibility criteria and requirements under this
18 section and in Section 50833.

19 (b) Except for applications specified in Section 50832.1,
20 applications for all activities or set-asides under this section and
21 Section 50833 shall be evaluated on a first-in, first-served basis.

22 (c) For all economic development applications under this section
23 or Section 50833, including economic development assistance
24 grants, the department shall develop project standards and rating
25 factors which meet the minimum requirements of federal statutes:
26 ~~The department shall utilize as criteria for the economic~~
27 ~~development allocation the federal standards of “blight” and~~
28 ~~“urgent need” under this section, Section 50832.1, and Section~~
29 ~~50833 for eligible projects and that meet National Objectives.~~

30 (d) A jurisdiction may submit multiyear proposals for a period
31 not exceeding three years in duration.

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